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[The following report summarizes recent administrative and operational revisions in the Soviet public health service.]

The Minister of Health USSR has issued an order which deals with reorganization of its central apparatus. The order directs reduction in the number of administrative personnel and provides for establishment of the following Main Administrations within the framework of the Ministry of Health USSR:

1. Main Administration of Preventive and Therapeutic Aid
2. Main Sanitary-Epidemiological Administration
3. Main Administration of Resorts and Sanatoriums
4. Main Administration of Chemico-Pharmaceutical Industry
5. Main Administration of Medical Instruments
6. Main Administration of Supply
7. Main Administration of Construction
8. Main Administration of Educational Institutions
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The following structural subdivisions of the Ministry of Health were approved:

1. Scientific Council
2. Administration of Preventive and Therapeutic Aid to Children and Mothers
3. Administration of Capital Construction
4. Technical Division of the Medical Industry
4. Division for Control of Production Quality, Measures, and Measuring Instruments

The decree of the Minister of Health USSR also directs that the president of the Scientific Council re-examine the operation of the entire network of scientific research institutes. He is to carry on his work in collaboration with the ministries of health of Union Republics, the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR, and the main administrations of the Ministry of Health USSR. They are given 3 months to complete their study.

The Minister of Health USSR intends to improve the quality of all scientific research by having all efforts concentrated on the most important problems. The order also directs that all duplication, unnecessary letter writing and directives be eliminated, and that time-consuming statistical tabulation and accounting by scientists and medical practitioners be limited to the actual requirements of the service. It is expected that implementation of these measures will result in releasing specialists and medical practitioners for productive work and will guarantee rapid application of the latest scientific discoveries.

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